

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 6-11, 13-16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Archer (US 5,473,229) in view of Kosaka et al. (JP 2000-267770).

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**Response:**

Independent claim 6 has been amended to add the limitations of claims 9, 10, and 12. Claim 12 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, the currently amended claim 6 should now be in allowable form. Claims 9, 10, and 12 were cancelled as a result of this change, and claims 11 and 13 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 6.

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Similarly, independent claim 14 has been amended to add the limitations of claims 16 and 17. Claim 17 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, the currently amended claim 14 should now be in allowable form. Claims 16 and 17 were cancelled as a result of this change, and claim 18 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 14.

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As a result of the claim amendments, pending claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 13-15, and 18 are now all in allowable form. Reconsideration of claims 6-8, 11, 13-15, and 18 is therefore respectfully requested.

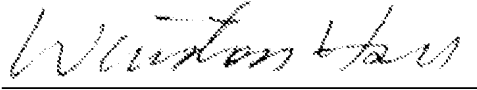
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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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